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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"No special conditions are attached. Only the ordinary conditions for the granting of loans are observed in these cases."

SRI K. V. RAMASAMY :—"May I know when the Government are going to survey the unsurveyed lands in the Salem district?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"Though this question has no direct connexion with the question put, I may inform the hon. Member that by and by the survey will take place."

SRI LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI :—"May I know whether the Government are granting subsistence loans to poor agriculturists in the famine-stricken areas on the mortgage of their houses?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"Though this is a different category of loan, viz., subsistence loan, I am prepared to answer the hon. Member that subsistence loans are granted not only on the mortgage of properties but also on personal security."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—"How many cases of loans have been granted in the famine areas, taking only personal security from persons who have got no lands at all?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"I hope, Sir, the hon. Member will be charitable enough to understand that I require notice of this question."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—"May I know whether the Government are issuing loans to joint pattadars? If they are not, may I know whether the Government will make immediate provision to give such loans to joint pattadars also?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"Provision has already been made. Even for joint pattadars loans are being given not only on the basis of patta but also on personal security and other kinds of securities."

SRI C. SUBBARAYUDU :—"May I know whether in the Anantapur district most of the subsistence loans are not granted without lands being mortgaged?"

MR. SPEAKER :—"The present question relates to Darsi taluk in the Nellore district. The hon. Member may put a separate question regarding Anantapur district."

Fair price shops in Kasaragod taluk.

*74 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will he Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that even before the decontrol policy in food came, 2 ounces of rice was distributed from the fair price

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shops in the decontrolled areas in Kasaragod taluk in South Kanara and even now it is being continued;

(b) if so, why; and

(c) whether the Government will be pleased to take steps at least to distribute 8 ounces of rice from the fair price shops in Kasaragod taluk?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) The position is as stated, except in the informally rationed rural areas of the Hosdrug sub-taluk of Kasaragod taluk, where the issue of rice ration was at 7 oz. per adult per day. These scales are still continued.

" (b) The scale of 2 oz. of rice per adult per day for issues through fair price shops was fixed uniformly for all the derationed rural areas in the State and the issue at this scale is being continued with a view to avoid any hardship to the poorer section of consumers. The scale of 7 oz. of rice was applicable to all rationed areas and as Hosdrug sub-taluk was and continues to be an informally rationed area this scale is in force there.

" (c) The Government do not propose to increase the present scale of rice issued through fair price shops in the old derationed rural areas as the consumers are free to purchase their requirements in the open market and supplement the rice issued through fair price shops. Further, no special treatment can be given in the case of Kasaragod taluk alone in this regard."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Are the Government aware that the Kasaragod main taluk is a deficit area?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is only the sub-taluk of Hosdrug in the Kasaragod taluk that has been treated as highly deficit and that is why it has been zoned along with Malabar and the Nilgiris."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister for Food as to who manages all the ration shops which have been converted into fair-price shops, what are the conditions under which they function, what type of foodgrains are supplied there, and whether the price in these shops will after all be fair? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I think the hon. Member can very usefully put a separate question."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" May I know whether the Government will make provision for fair-price shops being run in all those districts and areas which are called deficit areas? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We are running fair-price shops in all the deficit districts even now."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Including Rayalaseema? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes."

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SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIYAR :—" Have the Government received any representation from these areas to the effect that the ration portion issued in the fair-price shops should be enhanced ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Not to my knowledge."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Considering that the months of August and September are very hard months on the West Coast, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to consider an increase in the rations for these two months ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not think there is any justification for an increase Even during the months of August and September, we will continue to supply rations as before."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Are the Government aware that in the Hosdrug taluk places like North and South Trikarpur, Uddhinur, etc., ration was stopped in the ration shops for one week since 22nd of June ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The position is this : As far as the Kasaragod taluk is concerned, it has been divided into two zones, with the sub-taluk of Hosdrug as one, and the remaining portion going along with the rest of South Kanara. As far as the South Kanara zone is concerned, there are fair-price shops; but as far as the other zone is concerned, it is a highly deficit area, and therefore we are running fair-price shops there also; but I do not know to which of the two zones these villages belong."

SRI K. V. RAMESAM :—" May I ask whether it is a fact that in the fair-price shops of South Kanara district, except in a few shops, more quantity of rice ration is being issued to Government and local board employees than to others ? If so, will the Government be pleased to take steps to see that no such distinction is made in the matter of the issue of rations ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" As far as I am aware, I do not think any distinction is being made between Government employees and others; but if any specific allegation is made, I am prepared to look into the matter."

JANAB M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know whether the main Kasaragod taluk is a deficit area ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is a distinction between highly deficit and deficit areas. As far as the Hosdrug sub-taluk is concerned, it is considered to be highly deficit, while the other portions of the taluk are only 'deficit' and they go along with the South Kanara district."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" With reference to the answers that are being given, may I ask the Hon. Minister whether if it

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is an ordinary question put or an allegation made on the floor of the House, he cannot treat it as sufficient notice in itself and take immediate steps to get the information and take necessary action. I am saying this in reference to answers generally."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I was answering a specific question put by the hon. Member and it was too vague and general for me to take action upon it. That is why I wanted to know whether there was any specific instance where a distinction was made and I told him that if any such distinction was brought to my notice, I would take action thereon."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Will the Hon. Minister make arrangements for the issue of duplicate ration cards in the Madras City whenever the original is lost ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may put a separate question."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" May I bring it to the notice of the Hon. Minister that even during the ration period there were distinctions made as between the Government and local board employees and the public with regard to issue of rations, and that even now the distinction is there in certain places where rationing continues ? May I ask the Hon. Minister to look into the matter and remove the distinction as between Government and local board employees and the public ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The other hon. Member was referring only to fair-price shops and not to ration shops in rationed areas."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Weavers' Co-operative Societies.

1 Q.—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of weavers' co-operative societies working in the State, districtwar and the total number of handlooms working under them districtwar ;

(*b*) the cost of the average monthly production of cloth from all the weavers' co-operative societies in the State during the calendar year 1951 ;

(*c*) the value of the average monthly purchases of cloth from primary weavers' co-operative societies by the State Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society and what percentage of the total production in the primary weavers' co-operative societies was being purchased by the State Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society per month on an average during the year 1951 and in the first quarter of 1952 ; and